



**THE HONORABLE GREG SMITH**  
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**Representative Greg Smith Thanks  
Senator David Nelson for Legislative Service**

HEPPNER- [Representative Greg Smith \(R-Heppner\)](#) today thanked [Senator David Nelson \(R-Pendleton\)](#) for his legislative service and accomplishments for Eastern Oregon. Senator Nelson earlier today announced his retirement after serving 16 years in the Oregon State Senate.

"Throughout his years in the Oregon Legislature, Senator David Nelson has been a leader in promoting education, agriculture and economic development in rural Oregon," Rep. Smith said. "Senator Nelson has served our region with integrity and distinction, and I wish David and his family all the best in his retirement."

Representative Smith also said he will not be a candidate in Senate District 29, but will continue to seek a seventh term in the Oregon House of Representatives.

"I'm honored to serve the citizens of House District 57, and I look forward to continuing my work on the Joint Ways and Means Committee," Rep. Smith said. "After securing over \$30 million for local capital construction projects in the 2011-12 budget, I believe I'm most effective working with Republicans and Democrats in the Oregon House. I'll continue to work closely with Eastern Oregon's delegation in 2013, including our next State Senator."